

ABSTRACT

A lightweight feed chain for a high speed
nutcracking apparatus and which is composed of a
plurality of individual nut transport elements mounted in
5 succession. The nut transport elements are block-like in
configuration, and each element includes a nut receptacle
extending laterally across the upper face which is sized
to accommodate a single nut of a given size. The
elements are formed of a high impact plastic material
10 which has been found to reduce wear and breakage from
contact with the nutcracking components of the apparatus,
and to reduce the weight of the chain. Also the elements
may be color coded, with each color indicating a
particular size of the receptacle.

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